

Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, January 12, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Draft Meeting Notes

Action Items/Key Decisions

- The Steering Committee approved the SAIC *Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Work Plan* (Dated 01.09.07) once SAIC implements requested revisions.
- A request was made for the Steering Committee to consider the appeal process if an applicant is denied membership.
- SAIC will review the schedule again in light of this comment to ensure that review periods are realistic with weekend and holiday schedules.
- All agreed that Steering Committee members need commit to working together to meet the aggressive time schedule.
- The Steering Committee will set up future subgroups on the following topics:
 - Regulatory baseline
 - Covered activities
 - Adaptive management
- Marc Ebbin is in the process of developing a white paper to identify baseline implications.

Introductions/Updates

See attached list for meeting attendees.

Draft Workplan Review

The Steering Committee reviewed the changes that SAIC and the Workplan Subgroup implemented to SAIC's *Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Work Plan* (Dated 01.09.07). SAIC noted the Steering Committee's additional revision requests. The Steering Committee approved the workplan once these revisions are implemented.

Membership Committee Report

The Steering Committee reviewed the Membership Subgroup's *Recommendations Regarding Membership on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee* (dated 01.12.07). A request was made for the Steering Committee to consider the appeal process if an applicant is denied membership.

Schedule

The Steering Committee reviewed SAIC's *Working Schedule for Bay-Delta Conservation Plan* (dated 01/09/07). The Steering Committee's goal is to complete 75% of the conservation strategy framework by the end of 2007. This will be based on the Steering Committee's agreed-upon approaches to overall strategy, covered activities, and the ecological baseline.

Concern was expressed about how realistic the current schedule is, given agency turnaround during weekends and holidays. SAIC emphasized that review times are based on the expected level of effort for each review period, and that the review times during the holiday season are expected to require a lower level of effort than in the beginning. However, SAIC will review the schedule again in light of this comment.

All agreed that Steering Committee members will need commit to working together to meet the aggressive time schedule.

Additional Points

- The Steering Committee will set up future subgroups on the following topics:
- Regulatory baseline
- Covered activities
- Adaptive management
- Marc Ebbin is in the process of developing a white paper to identify baseline implications.

Public Comment

- David Briggs from Contra Costa Water District expressed support of the BDCP effort as a whole and requested that the Steering Committee consider how the plan will address water quality. Detailed comments can be found in *Contra Costa Water District's comment letter on draft BDCP work plan* (dated 01.05.07).
- Kenny Watkins from the California Farm Bureau reiterated his agency's support of the proposed Steering Committee membership process and emphasized that getting the public process going is vital.
- Matt Vandersluis from PCL provided numerous comments on the workplan on matters related to public involvement, project timing, conservation strategies, and the health of the Delta.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This meeting will involve a deeper discussion of conservation strategy goals.

Handouts

- SAIC's Draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Work Plan (Dated 01.09.07)
- Recommendations Regarding Membership on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee (dated 01.12.07)
- Working Schedule for Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (dated 01/09/07)
- Flood Control, Water Supply, and Conveyance fact sheet
- Contra Costa Water District's comment letter on draft BDCP work plan (dated 01.05.07)